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The Rejections under Section 102

Claims 5 and 16 stand rejected under Section 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,746,493 to Jönsson et al. By the present amendments, Claims 5 and 16 have been cancelled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection under Section 102(e) is now moot and should be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 1-4, 11-14 and 18 are allowed. Applicant further notes the indication in the Office Action that Claims 8-10, 15 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under Section 112, which amendment has been made.

CONCLUSION

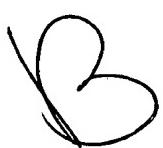
Accordingly, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and the same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any small matters outstanding of resolution, she is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 919-854-1400 for expeditious handling.

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